

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2909–S2980

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 793–809, S. Res. 109–114, and S. Con. Res. 15.

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Measures Passed:

National Safe Digging Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 111, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

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Biochemical Attack on April 16, 2013: Senate agreed to S. Res. 112, commending employees of the Senate Post Office, employees of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the biochemical attack against the Senate on April 16, 2013.

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National Adopt a Library Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 113, designating April 23, 2013 as “National Adopt a Library Day”.

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Authorizing testimony, documents, and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 114, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in United States v. Renzi, et al.

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Measures Considered:

Marketplace Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 743, to restore States’ sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Enzi) Amendment No. 741, of a perfecting nature.

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Durbin Amendment No. 745 (to Amendment No. 741), to change the enactment date.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, April 26, 2013.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 74 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 110), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following morning business, on Thursday, April 25, 2013, Senate recess for one hour to allow for a Senators-only briefing; and that when the Senate reconvenes, Senate continue consideration of the bill.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2013 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–8)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 108), Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 109), Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—110) **Page S2925**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2980.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Bob Perciasepe, Acting Administrator, and Maryann Froehlich, Acting Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of the Navy, after receiving testimony from Ray Maybus, Secretary, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Neile L. Miller, Acting Undersecretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Acting Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel committee concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Juan M. Garcia, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Daniel B. Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Vice Admiral Scott R. Van Buskirk, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel and Services, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space programs and views on Department of Defense usage of the electromagnetic spectrum in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on facing challenges to ensure investments are optimized, and preliminary findings on Federal relocation costs and auction revenues, after receiving testimony from Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, John A. Zangardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information Operations and Space, General William L. Shelton, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lieutenant General Richard P. Formica, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and Army Forces Strategic Command, Major General Robert E. Wheeler, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4) and Information Infrastructure (DCIO for C4IIC), all of the Department of Defense; Christina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, and Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Christopher Guttman-McCabe, CTIA—The Wireless Association, Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Roger M. Natsuhara, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Kathleen I. Ferguson, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, Program Executive Officer F-35, Vice Admiral W. Mark Skinner, Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Charles R. Davis, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

VOLUNTARY DO-NOT-TRACK STANDARDS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a status update on the development of voluntary do-not-track standards, after receiving testimony from Harvey Anderson, Mozilla, Mountain View, California; Justin Brookman, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Luigi Mastria, Digital Advertising Alliance, New York, New York; and Adam D. Thierer, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Trans-Pacific partnership, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Karan Bhatia, General Electric, and David Hirschmann, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.; Bob Hanson, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Bozeman; and Thomas M. Suber, U.S. Dairy Export Council, Arlington, Virginia.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international development priorities in the fiscal year 2014 budget, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine business practices of durable medical equipment companies, after receiving testimony from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, and Laurence D. Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare, both of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Jon Letko, U.S. Healthcare Supply, LLC, Milford, New Jersey; Steve Silverman, Med-Care Diabetic and Medical Supplies, Boca Raton, Florida; and Charlene Stanley, AdvanceMed Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee.

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the economic importance of financial literacy education for students, after receiving testimony from Nicole Lipp, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, North Carolina; Annamaria Lusardi, George Washington University School of Business Global Center for Financial Literacy, Washington, D.C.; Cy Richardson, National Urban League, New York, New York; Curtis Biggs, Wyoming Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, Sheridan; and Cathy Pace, Allegacy Federal Credit Union, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for Tribal Programs, after receiving testimony from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, and Thomas D. Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Management, both of the Department of the Interior; Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Cathy Abramson, National Indian Health Board, and Lloyd B. Miller, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson, LLP, on behalf of the National Tribal Contract Support Cost Coalition, all of Washington,

D.C.; and John Sirois, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Jennifer A. Dorsey, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senator Reid, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs outreach and community partnerships, after receiving testimony from Tommy Sowers, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs;

Coleman Nee, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary, Boston; Wendy Spencer, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and Mike Monroe, Points of Light, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Weingartner, Robin Hood Foundation, New York, New York.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national plan to address Alzheimer's disease, focusing on if we are on track to 2025, after receiving testimony from Donald Moulds, Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Ronald C. Petersen, Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Rochester, Minnesota; Michael D. Hurd, The RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; and Ashley Campbell, Malibu, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1692–1720; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 179 were introduced. **Pages H2297–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2299–H2300**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 178, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–47). **Page H2297**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rodney Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2251**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2256**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Armenian Apostolic Church of America, New York, NY. **Page H2256**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Specifying the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National

Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins: H.R. 1071, to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins and

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Awarding posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th commemoration of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church: H.R. 360, amended, to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th commemoration of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2261–67, H2275**

Helping Sick Americans Now Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 175, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 1549, to amend Public Law 111–148 to transfer fiscal year 2013 through fiscal year 2016 funds from the Prevention and Public Health Fund to carry out the temporary high risk health insurance pool program for individuals with preexisting conditions, and to extend access to such program to such individuals who have had creditable coverage during the

6 months prior to application for coverage through such program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 122, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 121. **Pages H2267–75**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive Her Excellency Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting Her Excellency Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea. **Page H2275**

Re-referral of H.R. 763: Agreed by unanimous consent that H.R. 763 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H2283**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2013 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–20). **Pages H2276–77**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2273–74, H2274–75 and H2275. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing for the public to Review Horticulture Priorities for the 2013 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Indian and Alaska Native issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related

Agencies held a hearing on USDA Rural Development Budget Hearing. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Doug O'Brien, Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development; John Padalino, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Lillian Salerno, Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; Tammie Trevino, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program Budget. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, Health Affairs, Director, TRICARE Management Activity; Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General, United States Army; Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General, United States Navy; and Lieutenant General Dr. Thomas W. Travis, Surgeon General, United States Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Treasury, International Programs Budget. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a hearing on Federal Aviation Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Ann

Mills, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Jason Weller, Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. NAVAL AND U.S. AIR FORCE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Oversight of U.S. Naval and U.S. Air Force Acquisition Programs in the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Robert R. Allardice, USAF, Vice Commander, Air Mobility Command, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General Charles R. Davis USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commander for Combat Development and Integration, MCCDC, U.S. Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Allen G. Myers USN, Deputy Chief Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N-8), U.S. Navy; and Sean J. Stackley Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of Defense.

READINESS POSTURE OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Readiness Posture of the U.S. Air Force”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Lieutenant General Judith A. Fedder, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support A4/7; Lieutenant General Burton M. Field, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements A3/5; and Lieutenant General Michael R. Moeller Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs A8.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VOW ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the status of implementation of the requirements of the VOW Act and the recommendations of the Presidential Veteran Employment Initiative Task Force for the DOD Transition Assistance Program—Goals, Plans, and Success. Testimony was Susan S. Kelly, Deputy Director, Transition to Veterans’ Program Office, Department of Defense; John K. Moran, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veteran’s Employment Training Service, Department of Labor; and Danny Pummill Director, VBA–DoD Program Office, Department of Veteran’s Affairs.

STATE OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND: LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR SOLVENCY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the Highway Trust Fund: Long-Term Solutions for Solvency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND TAXPAYERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Enhancing Transparency for Students, Families and Taxpayers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CENTER FOR CONSUMER INFORMATION AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight and the Implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building a Sustainable Housing Finance System: Examining Regulatory Impediments to Private Investment Capital”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Evaluating U.S. Contributions to the International Monetary Fund”. Testimony was heard from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

EXPORT CONTROL REFORM: THE AGENDA AHEAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Export Control Reform: the Agenda Ahead”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; Kevin J. Wolf, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export

Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; and James A. Hursch, Director, Defense Technology Security Administration Department of Defense.

KOSOVO AND SERBIA: A PATHWAY TO PEACE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Kosovo and Serbia: A Pathway to Peace”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Moore, Director, Office of South Central European Affairs, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a markup on H.R. 1417, the “Border Security Results Act of 2013”. The bill was reported to the Full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following measures: H.R. 3, the “Northern Route Approval Act”; H.R. 85, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 126, the “Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act”; H.R. 251, the “South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act”; H.R. 253, the “Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act”; H.R. 330, the “Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act”; H.R. 356, the “Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act”; H.R. 426, the “Utah National Guard Readiness Act”; H.R. 520, the “Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act”; H.R. 573, to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; H.R. 674, the “Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act”; H.R. 723, the “Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act”; H.R. 739, the “Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2013”; H.R. 767, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 829, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 876, the “Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act”;

H.R. 885, the “San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2013”; H.R. 934, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 993, the “Fruit Heights Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1156, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 1157, the “Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act”; H.R. 1158, the “North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act”; H.R. 1206, the “Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013”; H.R. 1208, the “Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 1241, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1377 the “Mescalero Apache Tribe Leasing Authorization Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 723; H.R. 767; H.R. 829; H.R. 885; and H.R. 1377. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 3; H.R. 85; H.R. 126; H.R. 251; H.R. 253; H.R. 330; H.R. 356; H.R. 462; H.R. 520; H.R. 573; H.R. 674; H.R. 739; H.R. 862; H.R. 876; H.R. 934; H.R. 993; H.R. 1156; H.R. 1157; H.R. 1158; H.R. 1206; H.R. 1208; and H.R. 1241.

BROKEN PROMISES: THE SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND'S BACKDOOR BANK BAILOUT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Broken Promises: the Small Business Lending Fund’s Backdoor Bank Bailout”. Testimony was heard from Christy Romero, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

GREEN ENERGY OVERSIGHT: EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BAD BET ON FISHER AUTOMOTIVE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth held a hearing entitled “Green Energy Oversight: Examining the Department of Energy’s Bad Bet on Fisker Automotive”. Testimony was heard from Nicholas Whitcombe, Supervisory Senior Investment Officer, Loan Programs Office, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

RESPONSIBLE HELIUM ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 527, the “Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 527. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–9 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in a nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In Section 2, the rule provides that on each legislative day during the period from April 27, 2013, through May 3, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In Section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution. In Section 4, the rule provides that the Committee on Education and the Workforce may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, file a report to accompany H.R. 1406. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings (WA) and Representatives Holt, Lamborn, and Dent.

NEXT GENERATION COMPUTING AND BIG DATA ANALYTICS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Subcommittee on Research held a joint hearing entitled “Next Generation Computing and Big Data Analytics”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2014”. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BUDGET OUTLOOK FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Budget Outlook for the Small Business Administration”. Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

OVERVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES’ FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing on “Overview of the United States’ Freight Transportation System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET: ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works.

EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON VA HEALTHCARE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Implications of the Affordable Care Act on VA Healthcare”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health Veterans, Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lisa Zarlenga, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 807, the “Full Faith and Credit Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term unemployment, focusing on consequences and solutions, after receiving testimony from Randy R. Johnson, Workforce Development, Inc., Rochester, Minnesota; Keith Hall, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Harry J. Holzer, Georgetown University, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 8:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine drought and the effect on energy and water management decisions, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 27, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah", S. 28, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, S. 159, to designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, S. 241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 255, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, S. 256, to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, S. 258, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 312, to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 327, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 340, to provide for the

settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 341, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 342, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 353, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 360, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, S. 366, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 368, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 447, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, S. 736, to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of Alaska, and S. 757, to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine rebalance to Asia II, focusing on security, defense, cooperation, and challenges, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 607, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, and S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on oversight AFRICOM, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on the Department of Treasury Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on the Department of Health and Human Service Budget, 10 a.m., 2358—C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on the Federal Railroad Administration Budget, 10:30 a.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Transitioning to Afghan Security Lead: Protecting Afghan Women?”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space Activities”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Securing Our Nation’s Prescription Drug Supply Chain”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Lifeline Fund: Money Well Spent?”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The FY 2014 Budget Request: U.S. Foreign Assistance Priorities and Strategy”, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 419, the “Taiwan Policy Act of 2013”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Natural Gas Exports: Economic and Geopolitical Opportunities”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Counterterrorism Efforts to Combat a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Attack on the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Striking the Right Balance: Protecting Our Nation’s Critical Infrastructure from Cyber Attack and Ensuring Privacy and Civil Liberties”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), Part 2: Geolocation Privacy and Surveillance”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on H.J. Res. 40, the “Victims’ Rights Amendment”, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “An Examination of the Judicial Conduct and Disability System”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Federal Impediments to

Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 638, the “National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013”; H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1384, the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2013”, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1613, the “Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act”; and legislation regarding the U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Government’s Procurement of Ammunition”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Examining the Lack of Transparency and Consumer Driven Market Forces in U.S. Health Care”, 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Policy Relevant Climate Issues in Context”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: The Small Business STEM Workforce Shortage and Immigration Reform”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Implementing MAP-21: The State and Local Perspective”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup of the following legislation: H.R. 357, the “GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013”; H.R. 562, the “VRAP Extension Act of 2013”; H.R. 631, the “Servicemembers’ Choice in Transition Act of 2013”; H.R. 844, the “VetSuccess Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1305, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program; H.R. 1316, to amend title 38, United States Code, to specify the responsibilities of the Directors and Assistant Directors of Veterans’ Employment and Training; H.R. 1402, the “Veterans Paralympic Act of 2013”; H.R. 1412, the “Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1453, the “Work-Study for Student Veterans”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup of the following legislation: H.R. 569, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013”; H.R. 570, the “American Heroes COLA Act”; H.R. 671, the “Ruth Moore Act of 2013”; H.R. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought, 3 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tax Reform and Residential Real Estate”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Internal Revenue Service Operations and the 2013 Tax Return Filing Season”, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will recess for one hour to allow for a Senators-only briefing. When the Senate reconvenes, Senate will continue consideration of S. 743, Marketplace Fairness Act. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill is at 1 p.m.

House Chamber

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